

Abstract of the Disclosure

Chute apparatuses and methods are disclosed for use with a mowing machine to selectively maintain cut grass clippings within the housing, such as for mulching, or to discharge the grass clippings from the housing through a discharge chute by selectively and easily opening the discharge chute. A chute flap attached to a mowing machine is selectively movable from a closed chute flap position where it can provide a portion of the housing for the mowing machine to an open chute flap position where the chute flap can provide a discharge chute for material such as cut grass to exit the housing. A retaining flap is selectively movable from a retaining position to a non-retaining position wherein the retaining flap can in its retaining position provide support to maintain the chute flap in either its closed or open chute flap position. The chute flap and the retaining flap can both be pivotable along different axes.